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## Pilot Arthritis Program

### Expenditure of RMP grant funds for arthritis program coordination and evaluation activities

The obligation and expenditure of RMP grant funds for pilot arthritis program coordination and evaluation activities is appropriate. These administrative functions are a part of the traditional ~~and~~ program management of the RMP's with respect to Council-approved programs. Followup activities including arthritis program surveillance, reporting, coordination and evaluation were recommended by the National Advisory Council at its June 1974 meeting. ~~App~~ ~~Expend~~

RMP expenditures of earmarked pilot arthritis grant funds, as well as central RMP program coordination and evaluation funds are appropriate when they reflect ~~a~~ accepted program followup, and do not ~~not~~ result in direct arthritis program enlargement beyond the limit established in the Council's ~~approving~~ arthritis program funding approvals.

# MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE  
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE  
HEALTH RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION  
BUREAU OF HEALTH RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

TO : The record

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FROM :   
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SUBJECT: Organization for a national arthritis conference

A discussion was held at O'Hare International airport, Chicago, Illinois, on Sunday, November 17, to explore the feasibility of convening a conference to develop coordinated activities, including program reporting and evaluation, among 29 Regional Medical Programs (RMP's) conducting pilot arthritis grant programs. Participants in the discussion were:

Dr. Roger D. Mason, discussion moderator; Chairman of the former Arthritis ad hoc Review Committee  
Mr. Kevin Anderson, staff member, Michigan RMP  
Dr. William F. Donaldson, 1st Vice President, American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (Pittsburgh)  
Dr. Ephraim P. Engleman, UCLA; chairman of the ARA "committee of five" designated to provide liaison with DRMP (San Francisco)  
Dr. Satoru Izutsu, Executive Director, Hawaii RMP  
Dr. Lawrence M. Petrocelli, Chief Arthritis Activities, NIAMDD  
Mr. David Shobe, Arthritis Foundation (Washington, D.C., and N.Y.)  
Dr. Clement W. Sledge, Robert Breck Brigham Hospital (Boston)  
Dr. Isaac Taylor, Deputy Director, Tri-State RMP  
Dr. Charles D. Tourtelotte, Chief of Rheumatology, Temple University (Philadelphia)

From the Division of Regional Medical Programs:

Mr. Gerald T. Gardell, Acting Director  
Mr. Matthew Spear, Staff member

The consensus reached by the discussion participants are the following:

1. There should be a conference to develop coordination, evaluation, and follow-up activities among the 29 funded pilot arthritis programs.
2. The conference should be convened at a site which results in least cost for both the conduct of the conference, and the attendance of the participants.
3. Total cost of the conference proper (site and services costs) should not exceed \$10,000.

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14. Special resource people should be available in both the workshop, and plenary sessions. Types (or specialties noted):

demography  
program evaluation  
program funding  
program information disseminators  
program image builders

Names mentioned:

demography -- William Ranke (?), Johns Hopkins, Md.

evaluation -- Dennison, Mich.; Plotz, N.Y.; Dr. Smyth, Colo.;  
Confrey, Cal.; Joseph Barbaccia, Cal.

funding --- David Rogers, Johnson Foundation  
Kellogg Foundation  
State Health Department specialists

program delivery -- Ed. Smith, Va.; John Sharp, Houston, and  
Smiley, Dallas, Texas; Neustadt, Louisville;  
Ivan Duff, Mich.; Dr. Klineberg, and George  
Freo (?), Cal.

program information -- one or two widely known science writers

program image -- Sen. Cranston; Anne Landers

4. Conference sponsors will be, jointly:

Arthritis Foundation  
American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons  
National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases  
Regional Medical Programs (29 collectively)

5. The sponsors will jointly contrive to pay the costs of the conference.
6. Participating program attendees will be required to meet their travel and other costs from local sources.
7. Program attendance/participation will be limited to Coordinators of the 29 RMP's with funded pilot arthritis programs, their arthritis Project Directors, and others directly associated with the conduct of the conference.
8. Special guests, and expert resource personnel will be invited. Their costs of participation will be reimbursed by the sponsors, when necessary.
9. The conference will be scheduled for 2 days in the period between January 18, and February 2, 1975.
10. DRMP will provide staff support -- in effect, and Executive Secretariat -- for development, conduct, and perhaps followup of the conference.
11. The tentative program structure is:
  - I. Educational impact
    - A. Physicians
    - B. Paramedical
    - C. Patients
  - II. Delivery Impact
    - A. Demographic aspects
    - B. Types of services
    - C. Distribution of services
  - III. Objective analysis of results
    - A. Each of the above
    - B. Functional analysis of therapy
  - IV. Continuation funding
12. The structure relates to the following tentative agenda:
  - a. short introductory plenary session
  - b. workshops on sections I, and II
  - c. plenary session for reports and discussions
  - d. workshops on sections III, and IV